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SUBJECT: DECLASSIFICATION OF STATISTICAL DATA FOR RELEASE
TO PRESS

1. JUST PRIOR TO LAST DECEMBER'S DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING,
CERTAIN STATISTICAL DATA RESULTING FROM THE ANNUAL DEFENSE
REVIEW WERE DECLASSIFIED AND ISSUED TO THE PRESS AS
BACKGROUND MATERIAL. A SIMILAR DECLASSIFICATION IS NOW
INTENDED FOR THIS YEAR'S DATA. THERE FOLLOWS BELOW (PARA
2) DATA PERTAINING TO THE UNITED STATES. IF NO COMMENTS
ARE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 30, 1977 THE DATA WILL BE RE-
LEASED TO THE PRESS. ACTION REQUESTED BY NOV 30:

. (A) AUTHORIZATION TO CONCUR IN RELEASE OF THE DATA,
AND

. (B) VERIFICATION THAT THE DATA ARE ACCURATE.

2. DEFENSE EXPENDITURES OF NATO COUNTRIES, 1949-1977.
THE FIGURES GIVEN IN TABLE I REPRESENT PAYMENTS ACTUALLY
MADE OR TO BE MADE DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR. THEY ARE
BASED ON THE NATO DEFINITION OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURES. IN
VIEW OF THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THIS AND NATIONAL DEFI-
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NITIONS, THE FIGURES SHOWN MAY DIVERGE CONSIDERABLY FROM
THOSE WHICH ARE QUOTED BY NATIONAL AUTHORITIES OR GIVEN IN
NATIONAL BUDGETS. THE FIGURES RELATING TO THE UNITED
STATES INCLUDE EXPENDITURES FOR AID PROGRAMS.
. (A) TABLE I, TOTAL DEFENSE EXPENDITURE (CURRENT
PRICES, MILLIONS US DOLLARS)

1949	13,503
1954	42,786
1968	80,732
1969	81,443
1970	77,854
1971	74,862
1972	77,639
1973	78,358
1974	85,906
1975	90,948
1976	91,008
1977(FORECAST)	104,226

. (B) TABLE II, DEFENSE EXPENDITURES AS PERCENTAGE OF
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT IN PURCHASER'S VALUES

1972	6.6
1973	6.0
1974	6.1
1975	6.0
1976	5.4
1977(FORECAST)	5.5

. (C) TABLE III, GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT IN PURCHASER'S
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VALUES AND DEFENSE EXPENDITURES PER CAPITA (1974 PRICES,
US DOLLARS)

(1) GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT PER HEAD

1974	6633
1975	6476
1976	6821
1977(FORECAST)	7102

(2) DEFENSE EXPENDITURES PER HEAD

1974	
1975	
1976	
1977(FORECAST)	391

. (D) TABLE IV, MAJOR EQUIPMENT EXPENDITURES AS PER-
CENTAGE OF TOTAL DEFENSE EXPENDITURE (FISCAL YEARS(A))

AVERAGE 1965-1970	27.8
72/73	21.6

73/74	18.9
74/75	18.1
75/76	17.5
76/77	18.5
77/78(B)	20.8

(A) FOR THE UNITED STATES FISCAL YEARS 71/72 TO 75/76 ARE
JULY TO JUNE; FISCAL YEARS 1976/77 AND 1977/78 ARE
OCTOBER TO SEPTEMBER.

(B) PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES.

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. (E) TABLE V, ARMED FORCES

(A) MILITARY ONLY (THOUSANDS)

1972	2,324
1975	2,098
1976	2,088
1977(PRELIMINARY	2,079

. ESTIMATE)
PRELIMINARY

(B) TOTAL ARMED FORCES AS PERCENT OF TOTAL LABOR FORCE
(MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL)

1972	3.8
1975	3.3
1976	3.2
1977(PRELIMINARY	3.1

. ESTIMATE)

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